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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE - HUMAN RIGHTS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER JOSE DE LA PUENTE RADBILL IN A PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE "NORTH-SOUTH" CONFERENCE IN PARIS THIS WEEK DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF LATIN AMERICAN SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. DE LA PUENTE NOTED THAT SECURITY WAS NOT MERELY A MILITARY MATTER BUT ALSO DEPENDED UPON "THE DEGREE TO WHICH BASIC NEEDS ARE SATISFIED". PURSUING THIS TOPIC, THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS, "WE FEEL THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS INCLINED TOWARDS DIALOGUE, BECAUSE WE ARE ALL PART OF ONE BIG TEAM. ALSO, WE NOTE THE EMPHASIS (THAT ADMINISTRATION) HAS PLACED ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH IS ENCOURAGING. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT ONLY THE RIGHT A PERSON HAS NOT TO SUFFER ILL-TREATMENT TO HIS OWN PERSON OR TO HIS FAMILY BUT ALSO IT IS THE RIGHT A PERSON HAS TO HOUSING, AND TO A STANDARD OF LIVING WITH BASIC LEVELS HIGHER THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST. PERU IS IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH THIS COMPREHENSIVE CONCEPTION OF THE MEANING OF HUMAN RIGHTS".

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3. COMMENT: PERU IS NOT CONSIDERED A HUMAN RIGHTS "PROBLEM" COUNTRY. DE LA PUENTE'S CHARACTERIZATION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STRONG STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS "ENCOURAGING" IS REASONABLY CONSISTENT WITH THE GOP'S OWN RECORD AND SELF-PERCEPTION IN THIS AREA. THE GOP'S "BLOWING ITS OWN HORN" IN THIS INSTANCE CAN BE INTERPRETED AT LEAST PARTLY AS A "DIG" AT CHILE. ALSO, ON THE EVE OF THE "NORTH-SOUTH" CONFERENCE IN PARIS,

DE LA PUENTE IS TELLING THE U.S. THAT PERU AND THE THIRD  
WORLD WILL PRESS FOR MEASURES DEMONSTRATING THAT ECONOMIC RIGHTS  
ARE FULLY ACCEPTED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
CONSIDERATIONS. DEAN

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